

Fact Sheet

Governor's S.A.F.E. Communities Program Federal & Other Grants

Office of Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius

Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant July 1, 2004—June 30, 2005

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The Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (KCJCC) oversees the criminal justice federal funding made available to Kansas through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The KCJCC was created by the 1994 Legislature. The Council's members are statutorily appointed. The Governor's Grants Program provides the staffing to the KCJCC and day-to-day management of the federal grants.

The KCJCC developed strategies and approaches to prevent, as well as control, violent and drug-related crimes in Kansas. The Byrne Grant Program assists the state in implementing and enhancing its efforts in addressing these issues. For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2005, the Council's four main priorities were enforcement; treatment; and prevention of drug-related crimes, violent and juvenile crime; and technology to continue efforts to improve the criminal justice information system.

The KCJCC awarded a total of \$6,143,410 to 79 grant projects in the four program areas for SFY 2005. The following table identifies the number of grant projects and funds awarded to each program area.

SFY 2005 Priorities	Number of Grant Projects	Federal Funds Awarded	Percentage of Total Dollars
Enforcement	19	\$1,182,948	19%
Treatment	12	\$1,259,883	21%
Prevention	16	\$810,943	13%
Information Technology	32	\$2,889,636	47%
Total	79	\$6,143,410	100%

During the grant period, Governor Kathleen Sebelius requested the KCJCC provide \$60,000 to the Wichita Police Department to assist with its cold case investigation into the Bind Torture Kill (BTK) serial killer. The pain the BTK killer inflicted on the Wichita community was incomprehensible. The investigation consumed a lot of the police department's financial resources. In addition to helping the police department, the grant assisted the Sedgwick County Forensic Science Center and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation with their on-going expenses. On February 26,

2005, Dennis Rader was arrested in connection with the cold case investigation. On June 27, 2005, he confessed to the crimes. And, on August 18, 2005, BTK serial killer Dennis Rader was sentenced to 10 consecutive life sentences for a string of murders that terrified Wichita for decades.

ENFORCEMENT

The largest drug task force in Kansas is the Southeast Kansas Drug Enforcement Task Force. The Kansas Bureau of Investigation coordinates the task force which consists of 20 agencies including sheriff's departments, police departments, prosecutor offices and the Kansas Attorney General's Office. The task force coordinates with the Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA), the United States Attorney's Office and the Kansas National Guard Counter-Drug Special Operations Group. Funding also supported several other task forces and narcotics-related investigations and arrests. Enforcement funding also supported an alternative to detention, jail and prison for persons who pose no danger to the community; provided additional vocational training opportunities for juvenile offenders and increased the number of juvenile offenders who participate in vocational training programs; and purchased video conferencing systems to reduce delays in court appearances for adults and juveniles and decreased the amount of time deputies spend driving to court.

TREATMENT

During SFY 2005, grant funds were provided to a variety of treatment programs including the Franklin County Sheriff's Department to assist with the continuum of mental health and substance abuse assessment, treatment and after-care services for adult and juvenile offenders detained in the County. Funding also supported a Day Reporting program, which provides well-rounded professional drug/alcohol treatment services to identify and address a broad range of psychological, social, drug and alcohol-related problems while allowing adult offenders to maintain regular family and employment roles; a methamphetamine specific treatment program to decrease recidivism and appropriately address the needs of offenders who use/abuse methamphetamine; an intensive outpatient treatment program to divert offenders with co-occurring disorders from further involvement in the legal system.

PREVENTION

The KCJCC defines prevention as the active process that creates and rewards conditions that lead to healthy behaviors and lifestyles. The Council's goal is to support prevention efforts that lead to a safer Kansas. A variety of prevention programs received BYRNE funding including the Gray County Attorney's Office to recruit, hire and train a forensic interviewer specializing in interviewing child witnesses and victims to increase the ability of rural jurisdictions to effectively resolve child sexual abuse cases by providing training to rural law enforcement officers; the Sunflower House to provide child-sensitive and legally defensible forensic interviews of children in child sexual abuse or physical abuse investigations; and the Kansas Department of Corrections to improve notification services to crime victims in Kansas and reduce the risk of creating new victims by assisting offenders in understanding the impact of crime on the victim and the community prior to their release.

SFY 2005 Program Accomplishments	
Number of Investigations	2,742
Number of Arrests	672
Number of Prosecutions	3,304
Number of Offenders Receiving Treatment	2,743
Number of Offenders Successfully Discharged From Treatment	786
Number of Victims Served	11,924
Number of Individuals Trained	11,012

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The largest information technology grant was awarded to the Douglas County District Attorney's Office for the development and implementation of the Kansas Prosecutors Case Management System (KPCMS) for county and district attorneys' offices. The prosecution module of FullCourt was modified to be a Kansas-specific module for Kansas prosecutors. Several subgrantees received grant awards to continue the implementation and integration of the Kansas Criminal Justice Information System (KCJIS). This program provides a standard

system to ensure that data is collected uniformly using a common format. In addition, information technology grants funded automated fingerprinting equipment, multi-jurisdictional records and jail management systems, video equipment to enhance crime scene photography and investigations, a drug and alcohol deterrence program for juveniles and a drying cabinet to improve the collection and preservation of drug and biological (DNA) evidence.

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